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FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

The ruts are filled in, the grass is starting to grow back, and the mud is off the truck and trailer, although I am still taking some ribbing from MCA friends whom remain nameless. Isn't that right Kerry and Sherrie? I'm just starting to grasp the Left Coast sense of humor...

The Pensacola MCA National was quite a hit. More than 300 cars were judged in one class or another. Probably another 100 or so were on the field as displays or in the Pony Corral. The weather was still hit or miss (mostly miss thanks to the breeze) and the seafood was great. Nick Kirby and his group always do a fine job. After my fiasco in Atlanta, or should I say my own backyard, I was glad to be visiting Florida.

Has your Regional Club applied for the MCA's 2009 President's Award? I'm certain a number of clubs did great things last year and deserve credit where credit is due. It takes a number of credits, or points if you prefer, to qualify.

Last year I think around a dozen awards were given out. Come on, the MCA has 180 or more regional clubs. As much as everyone is doing to help out, keeping a club going, or donating time where needed, I just know more of our clubs deserve a huge pat on the back.

Contact Kristie at the MCA office via Email at mcaofficemanager@cox.net or call her at 850.438.0626 for more information and a form. Don't wait, either, as the deadline is fast approaching. Right now, we plan to present the President's Awards to deserving clubs at the Virginia Beach National in August. I'm sure your club really does deserve to be considered.

How many of you have gotten an Email from Ford Performance? I still have not gotten one. But, sometime soon I'd say, all of us will. With Ford considering us a strategic partner, we are trying to solidify that relationship. Ford is contacting our members to offer each member a variety of goods and services.

MCA applications are included in the package with the Owner's Manual of every new Mustang built. This the second year that Ford has done this! MCA Regional club information, such as events, is being put on Ford's various contact mediums. The ads for the Pensacola National were seen by thousands of people rather than just the ones we can reach on our own. Your club and its shows and/or events can get the very same coverage! Each month, a different club is chosen to be highlighted. Check it out.

If you prefer to not hear from Ford any more, there is an OPT-OUT notice on the bottom of your first Email. However, I'd advise that you don't use it; the information coming out is really cool, exciting, and informative... oh, that was a subliminal message, sorry, forgot I was typing out loud.

Also, I hope you have seen the MCA Edition Mustang, which is available from your dealer now. They are selling really well and have out-paced a number of other models. I heard a dealer in Houston, Texas, ordered six—one automatic version and five manual versions. I guess in the next few years there will have to be a new MCA class for our judges to drool over. Gotta love that eh, Allen and Charles?

Am I leaving something out, an item I really wanted to share with you? Uh, oh yeah, I remember now; effective immediately, if you are an MCA member (in good standing, of course) you are now eligible for Ford's special-pricing X-Plan.

That's right, a real discount on that new Mustang, or Flex, Taurus, F-Series, or almost any Ford vehicle. Talk about getting the goods, I am so pleased to be able to tell all of you this information. I really do hope it is something you can use.

Let me know if you happen to be purchasing immediately. I'll give you the appropriate information. But, in the near future, we will have all the info posted online so you can easily access it. This is just so new, that part has not happened just yet.

Mustang Club of America, MCA Regional Clubs (insert your club name here), FORD, better weather, Mustang, and Mustang events—what a great combination—I'd say a winning team!

Now will someone hand me the purple stuff, I just saw some more mud on my trailer...

Later,

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